**REGIONAL MULTISTAKEHOLDER PLATFORM ON PIG VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT *`` EKIMEEZA’’***

**KAMULI DISTRICT AT SANDE KYEMBA HOTEL HELD ON 19TH -08-2014**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening prayer
2. Self introductions
3. Remarks from SNV facilitator
4. Remarks from District Veterinary Officer-Kamuli
5. Opening remarks from SNV Veterinary department (Dr. Mubiru Sarah)
6. Workshop expectations
7. Leveling expectations with workshop objectives
8. Break
9. Practical visioning from participants
10. Obstacle discussion in pig production and way forward
11. Lunch

**Actual progress of the meeting**

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by one of the participants Mr. Kibono William from Kitayunywa Sub County. The meeting was attended by 47 participants.

The meeting proceeded with a participatory self -introduction for all the members present.

**Remarks from SNV facilitator**

The facilitator welcomed participants to the meeting. He appreciated the relative time management that was observed and registered by some participants. The facilitator commented that the meeting will be short and always SNV meeting will be kept to that standard of being short provided the participants also keep time.

**Remarks from District Veterinary Officer-Kamuli**

He appreciated the opportunity for having considered him a key participant in the meeting. He appreciated the farmers for coming. He said that Kamuli has a total of 50,000 pigs with 10,000 pigs in Namwendwa Sub County. This was attributed to a number of projects that have been implemented in that sub county to promote the enterprise. He said that we are currently promoting mixed breeds with white skins (mixture of local and improved breeds).

**Challenges facing the enterprise in the District**

-There is no ready market for the pigs in the District.

-High cost of feeding the pigs and their piglets

-Lack of proper source for good breeds

-High levels of diseases outbreak especially African Swine Fever. This disease makes it had for farmers to market their pigs whereby if the disease hits a community where a person would have got 300,000= (three hundred thousand shillings only), then a farmer would be only paid 50,000= (fifty thousand shillings only).

-People are not lazy and hence, they leave the project out. They resort to goats and cows only.

-Cultural differences where people shun away from the pigs and they claim that it is done by people who are misfits in society.

-Inadequate technical labor force in the district. Only 6 staff is currently working in the whole district that has 13 sub counties.

-Free range management of pigs amongst the majority of farmers in the district. He said that of recent farmers have started to establish structures at commercial level.

**Note:-**

The DVO noted that *``there is a rumor that when prices are high, the people who deal in the business get diseased meat and they throw it in the community and hence, when farmers pigs eat it, they end up being sold to them cheaply’’.* He said that he is currently investigating this issue.

**Role of the Veterinary department**

* Awareness creation to communities on how to safe guard animals from diseases
* Preventing stenosis from taking place *`` the transfer of diseases from animals to human beings’’*
* Animal inspection before and after cutting, Treatment of animals among others

**Proposed strategy**

* To intensify in disease monitoring and surveillance
* Awareness creation to farmers on livestock issues
* To establish designated places (abattoir) for animals per sub county
* Continuous collaboration with national , international agencies and research institutions
* Establish pig markets within the District like the case for the cows. He hopes that this will call for good prices to be offered. The practice has already taken root in Namwendwa Sub County now.

He ended by appreciating the partners namely SNV, VEDCO and ILRI for inviting them for the first ever pig multi stakeholder value chain in Kamuli and wished the participants good deliberations.

**Opening remarks from SNV Veterinary department**

Dr. Mubiru Sarah from the above organization welcomed the participants and also noted that partnership and coordination is a key factor in any development process. She said that we need to know a clear pig development chain. She said that a multi stakeholder platform is essential in planning and course ownership. She said that SNV Netherlands Development Organization is in partnership with ILRI to facilitate the MSP for the pig value chain to enable actors to resolve the constraints with the pig sub sector in the region. She also noted that the MSP is a key factor in forging a way forward for the pig value chain in the District. She declared the meeting officially open

**Expectations from participants**

*Through a participatory process the participants highlighted the following as the expectations for the meeting.*

* To share the challenges affecting the pig value chain
* To know more about market access for the pigs
* To know the cost benefit analysis for the pigs
* To know how to estimate the weight of pigs before sale to avoid cheating
* To know how to improve pig production practices
* To know how to improve on the quality of pigs under management
* To know the appropriate practices on how to manage piggery management on a small plot
* To know the feeding practices for the pigs that is cost effective.
* To understand the production, consumption and marketing continuum
* To know and discover the pig farming practices in Kamuli District
* To know how the district and partners can help in abattoir construction at sub county level
* To know the strategy towards collective marketing for the pigs
* To collectively learn how to manage and control African Swine Fever
* To know the source of quality breeds of cattle
* Pig feeding for profitable out come at house hold level
* Learning the new approaches of doing things through new management knowledge , technology and skills

**Workshop objectives**

After the participant’s expectations, they were then leveled with the workshop objectives.

In here ILRI and SNV seeks to improve the pig value chain through a multi stake holder pig plat form as an avenue to do the following:-

* Mobilize collection action of stakeholders to address major bottlenecks in the pig value chains in the District.
* Develop and strengthen business linkages between the different actors within the pig value chain.
* Raise the visibility of the pig value chain through engagements with the relevant stakeholders like transporters, producers, consumers, extension community, donors, drug dealers to mention but a few.

During the progress of the meeting the **major output** was critically shared as; -

Pig MSP established with in Kamuli District.

**Meeting Out come**

Processes to collectively address major pig value chain bottlenecks for Kamuli District initiated and pursued. This was also shared to cement on the expectations raised by the different participants.

**Practical visioning from participants**

**Qtn ``** what do we want to see in the pig value chain in Kamuli District in 3-5 years?’’ The year 2019.

Through participatory sessions and group discussions, participants agreed on the following issues;-

1. Improved breeds of pigs acquired
2. Established feed mill
3. Pig cooperative union/ farmers bank/ collective marketing/ pig market days established
4. Loan financing to pig farmers
5. At least 200 organized commercial farmers
6. Improved quality feeds certified by UNBS

**Hard but achievable ideas highlighted by participants to be achieved in 3-5 years.**

1. Ready market for the pigs
2. Established slaughter places with inspectors
3. Artificial Insemination for pigs
4. Increased extension services in the district and out reach
5. Processing factories for pork
6. Calibrated weighing scales for pork
7. Vaccine for African swine fever

*As a result of the above 2 discussions, participants unanimously agreed on the following issues to be achieved in the next 3-5 years across the District by ranking.*

1. Quality certified pig feeds
2. Genetic resource centre for pigs to ensure quality
3. At least 200 commercial pig farmers organized in the District
4. Organized marketing for pigs and pig products
5. Effective disease control and prevention measures to camp African swine fever
6. Appropriate financing to pig farmers
7. Value addition for pig products
8. Centralized slaughter places for pigs
9. Uniform weighing scales like the case for beef
10. Increased extension services and out reach
11. A strong functional pig multi stakeholder platform

**Obstacles/challenges hindering the pig enterprise**

The facilitator shared with the participants the obstacles that Kamuli district farmers are encountering in the pig enterprise as documented by ILRI and Iowa State University as seen below:-

1. Diseases (Including ASF)
2. Poor quality feeds for pigs
3. Genetic decline of the pig population
4. Limited access by small holder to quality extension services
5. Farmers do not get the right price for the pigs
6. VC actors especially farmers are not organized to exploit the market potential
7. VC actors are not able to access appropriate financial services
8. The pig industry is apparently not of a national concern and priority
9. VC actors and government do not understand the full scope and potential of the current policy
10. The social and cultural barriers stop equitable consumption
11. Pig waste is not disposed off or exploited well.
12. Value addition processes are not happening well or efficiently

The Ambassador of Uganda in Malaysia Mubiru Stephen who is also a pig farmer highlighted that though the above were documented if the issue of water scarcity for pig production is not handled, then nothing will be achieved in the pig production continuum.

The participants resolved on the following issues that if handled then the piggery enterprise will prosper.

Poor quality feeds…………………………………………………………………….. 63

Diseases ASF………………………………………………………………………… 44

Lack of water for piggery production ……………………………………………….. 25

This above was through a participatory process by ranking.

**Action planning**

The participants selected the above through consensus and ranking.

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| **Action** | **Who?** | **When?** | **Resources?** |
| 1. Identify pig progressive farmers per sub county | DVO  Vedco | 30th /09/2014 | Fuel ,  Airtime |
| 1. Organize pig farmers learning visits | Sub county focal person | By 15th /10/2014 | Airtime, fuel, stationary, Entry fee, food |

**LIST OF SELECTED CONTACT PEOPLE TO WORK HAND IN HAND WITH THE DVO ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL PIG FARMERS IN KAMULI**

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| **S/N.** | **NAME OF FARMER** | **SUB COUNTY** | **CONTACT** |
| 01. | Mugala Joseph-Asupurini | Namasagali | 0755-696909 |
| 02. | Twinomujuni Stephen | Bugulumbya | 0784-254742 |
| 03. | Balikoowa Stephen | Mbulamuti | 0787-963482 |
| 04. | Basangwa Johnson | Nabwigulu | 0752-330981 |
| 05. | Kibono William | Kitayunywa | 0778-723122 |
| 06. | Mabirizi Sarah | Town council | 0772-893 546 |
| 07. | Ambassador Mubiru Stephen | Namwendwa | 0772-333 285 |
| 08. | Kaleebi Francis | Butansi | 0772-191913/  0702-680564 |

**Recommendations**

* Trainings should be conducted on farms and not hotels
* SNV will work hand in hand with the selected contact people at sub county level.

**Closing remarks**

Mr. Wakiibi Julius Tigawalana Sec. for production and marketing Kamuli District Local Government welcomed the participants and appreciated the organizers of the workshop. He lauded that the MSP that it had come at a right time. He requested the DVO to ensure timely submission of the requested data. He requested the partners to support and train the youth on feed mixing for the pigs. He stressed the need for water if pig production is to be strengthened in the District. He requested for more awareness creation regarding feeds and feeding of pigs to be conducted at the grass roots on the farms and not in the town hotels. He also requested for increased production and marketing of the pigs and its associated products. He requested the partners to always involve the media to help in advocacy. He appreciated the partnership and collaborations so far. He declared the meeting closed.